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CIRCULATE1. Radio, Radar, and Telephones

Source did not see any commercial radio antennas in the vicinity of Kohtla Yarve. He knew that the receiver for the loudspeakers in the rooms of the PWs was housed in the quarters of the Russian officers. He believed that the radio programs emanated from Leipzig, Tallinn (formerly Reval), and Moscow. The programs were broadcast in German and Russian. No American radio programs were heard.

2. Source did not know what radar equipment was.

3. Source noted telephone lines along one side of the highways, while on the other side were the power lines. He assumed the Russian officers had telephones in their houses, but knew of no one else's having any.

4. Power Plants

A large thermal electric power plant was located in Kohtla Yarve, but Source could give no sketch of the layout of the plant. Neither could he state the voltage in the plant nor that carried to the houses. Oil shale was used for fuel in this plant. An older plant than the one in Kohtla Yarve located in Kivioeli served as a reserve. A new electric power plant was under construction at Kohtla Nimme, some four or five kilometers from Kohtla Yarve and located in the woods.

5. Oil

Oil shafts were being located at Ereda, Ahtme, Kukruse (north of the village of Kukruse). The Peeri oil shaft was new and it was to be connected underground to Kukruse proper; at that time, however, the final eight meters of digging had not been completed because of inundation by water. In Kohtla Yarve, in addition to a shaft that had been there for some time, a new one was being constructed there. Somewhere between Jeeve and Puru, a new shaft was under construction. Digging for additional oil shafts was being

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undertaken between Tartu and Kohtla Yarve. The work was done by PWs from other camps as well as by those from Source's camp.

6. Source did not know whether the oil was shipped or piped to its final destination. There was a large oil refinery located in Kohtla Yarve. An Estonian civilian told Source that during World War II the refined oil was placed in submarines that were located in a harbor two kilometers north of Konju.

7. Airfield

An airfield at Puru was used by the Russians for parachutist practice from a balloon. It was floated at a height of 150 to 200 meters, and only three men were permitted in it at one time, each taking a turn at jumping. Source believed there was only one balloon there for this purpose. Planes on the field were of water-borne type and belonged to the Russian military and were marked by the large Russian star.

8. Gas Pipeline

Source knew of a gas pipeline between Leningrad on Kohtla Yarve but did not know its diameter.

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